

BASEBALL MAGNATES MAY YET GET TOGETHER

Like That Rivals Will Meet
in Cincinnati Friday.

PLAYERS TO BE DISCUSSED

Prof. Dwyer Fails to Throw Americus
in a Wrestling Bout—Redfern
a Popular Idol.

All signs point to a meeting of the peace conferees of the American and National Leagues in Cincinnati on Friday. From the correspondence that has passed between Dan Johnson and Garry Hermann, the late seems to have proven satisfactory, and it's now up to the Great White Bear to call a meeting of the rival organizations.

Most likely the players' questions will be the one taken up. The efforts made by some to bring about a consolidation of the two leagues seem to have failed, and should the baseball moguls meet in conference the matter will not be discussed.

How and in which way to deal with the contract jumper is the question that will usurp the time of the magnates. This question, it seems, can only end in one way—that is, if those interested really desire to discontinue the baseball war.

Each player signed must be allowed to play with the club he has decided upon. Any effort to get them away from this club, or that club, will result in a vigorous kick from the management. There would be trouble at once, and peace would be as far off as ever. Good players are not so plentiful they can be gathered up on the roadside, and the manager holding a star, no matter how he secured him, is not going to forfeit his hold just because his brother magnates desire him.

Each league has put forth its best efforts to rob the other, and now they find the policy ruinous. Therefore it does seem that the only way to equalize matters and make all happy is to call it quits and take care of the future. Just put an end to contract jumping. You cannot punish one player without giving it to the other, so the best way is to put an end to the practice.

In a wrestling match in Baltimore last night Prof. Michael Dwyer failed to carry out his contract to throw Americus twice within one hour. In fact, the professor had all he could do to stay himself, whenever the young Baltimorean assumed the aggressive. The conditions were that Dwyer was to gain two falls within an hour or lose the match. The style was catch-as-catch-can, with the strangle hold barred.

The contest was one of the most stirring the Monumental City has witnessed in some time. After it was all over an agreement was reached by which the two will wrestle again and to a finish. Each will weigh 155 or 160 pounds, and the bout will be for a side bet.

From reports that come this way the one and only Jim Corbett is devoting his spare time getting into condition to take on one of the top-notchers in the heavyweight division. He prefers, so the story runs, Jim Jeffries. The former champion says he was never in better shape and hopes in a month or so to have won the rough edges off.

When through his stage work each day Jim goes to some gymnasium, where he puts in a few hours' hard work. He always finds some one willing to put on the gloves with him and many interesting set-backs take place.

Redfern has become a popular idol, and does have troubles to contend with as much as ordinary mortals. The general public and those at New Orleans have become imbued with the idea that whatever he rides ought to win, and the more susceptible bookmakers while having wholesome respect for the boy's ability are willing to take advantage of the somewhat fictitious esteem in which he is held by the public. They chalk prices against his mount that are much below the normal.

Who Redfern loses the majority of the bookies lose, and the result is far from gratifying to the masses. He has been riding in excellent form lately and his services are constantly in demand.

With the opening of the big hotels the winter season at Hot Springs is now in full blast. People are arriving by the hundreds each day and all the hotels are filled with sporting men and persons seeking to get their health back through the medium of the springs.

Phlrooms continue to do an enormous business and the card rooms are crowded with patrons at night. The pugilistic fraternity is well represented among the visitors and a number of ring contests will soon be pulled off.

Together, Hot Springs may be said to be having a boom such as it has not enjoyed for some time.

WESTERN JOCKEY CLUB TO PUNISH THE CRITICS

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—A ruling by stewards of the Western Jockey Club was given out today, which is directed at the critics who make adverse comments to the race reads:

"Any person seeking to injure, defame, bring into disrepute by threats, intimidation, menace, or otherwise the association, the racing, or race meeting associations racing under the jurisdiction of the Western Jockey Club, shall be disqualified."

TOD SLOAN'S VALET FOUND

GUILTY OF ROBBING HIM
LONDON, Jan. 7.—Emilie Carlow, the valet of Tod Sloan, the jockey, who was arrested a week ago on a charge preferred by Sloan that he had stolen a diamond sleeve link valued at £425 in addition to some clothing, was found guilty today, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

HART OF CHICAGO IS FOR BASEBALL PEACE

Says National Is Ready to
Meet With American.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 7.—President

James A. Hart, of the Chicago Club of the National League, and a member of the "peace" committee of that organization, has returned from his trip to Mexico. President Hart discussed freely the position of the National League in regard to the scheduled conclave and the probabilities of peace between the two organizations. He was unaware that a hitch in the plans for the meeting had arisen until yesterday morning, when he read accounts of things that have come up while he was away.

"The committee must be entirely unhampered by instructions or restrictions from their respective organizations until such time as it is ascertained if a treaty of peace is possible or not," said Mr. Hart.

"I do not wish to put myself in the position of talking too much or of talking in advance of the committee meeting, providing such a meeting should be held. But it seems to me that first of all there must be decided just what policy is to be adopted. Whether there shall be two leagues of eight clubs, each working in harmony, or whether there shall be one league of twelve clubs or one league of sixteen clubs.

"If the first proposition is to be the policy then either league would be practically safe in delegating unusual powers to its committee. But if either of the other propositions is adopted property interests would at once become involved, and I desire to say that I would not under any circumstances delegate to any committee power to disturb the property interests of the Chicago Club without its being first made acquainted with the details of such a transaction, and, furthermore, I would positively decline to accept any such authority as a committee-man from any other plain business proposition and should be governed by the same rules which govern transactions of a like nature in other lines of business.

"I feel certain the National League stands ready to back up its committee in any reasonable proposition that may be submitted to it. The National League is for peace now and always has been. During its entire existence this organization has never instituted warfare against any rival and has continuously stood for organized baseball and harmony. If, however, the American League is not sincere in its oft-repeated declaration that it desires peace then the National League will be perfectly willing to accept the situation as it now exists. And it will continue to do in the future as it has done in the past. That is, to operate on an independent basis and cater to the best of its ability to the patrons of the national game."

COMMISSIONERS DEFEAT RAILWAY RELIEF ASSOCIATION

The Commissioners' team in the Departmental League bowled a match set of games with a picked team from the Railway Relief Association League last night and won all three. Their bowling was the best ever accomplished by the Railway men. Each game was over the 800 mark, and the Commissioners had to bowl their best to win.

Lay, a new Commissioner, bowled the highest average, making 189 for the three games. Whitney, of the losing team, made the highest single when he bowled 210 in the last game. The scores:

Talbot.....	180	240	35	Totals.....
McComb.....	160	145	173	478
Smith.....	187	183	145	515
Garber.....	156	153	204	513
Myers.....	193	178	197	568
Totals.....	183	167	167	517
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Totals.....	879	826	886	2,591
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W. R. R. A. 1st.....	1st.	2d.	3d.	Totals.....
Whitney.....	146	171	210	527
Ham.....	149	155	160	464
Garber.....	189	165	157	511
Crosby.....	159	167	145	471
Holt.....	199	163	169	531
Totals.....	842	821	841	2,504

WASHINGTON QUINT LOSSES TO CHICAGO

In a Plate Printers' Bowling League game last night the Chicago quint easily disposed of the Washington team in a set of games rolled on the Golden Eagle alley. The last game was close throughout and interesting. O'Connor was high man, with 178 average, while Orsopada's single of 212 was easily the best. The scores:

Chicago.	1st.	2d.	3d.	Totals.
Hess.....	178	129	171	478
Batch.....	165	170	160	495
"Spence.....	115	196	181	492
Smith.....	191	167	151	499
Orsopada.....	212	157	157	526
Totals.....	859	809	789	2,448
Washington.	1st.	2d.	3d.	Totals.
Morrison.....	167	147	161	475
Beach.....	117	142	148	407
Helmuth.....	138	150	147	435
O'Connor.....	192	182	159	533
Johnson.....	149	155	161	465
Totals.....	763	782	774	2,319

McNally bowled first game.

THE CHAMPION MAN AT EMPIRE

In a match pulled off in the Empire Theatre last night, two local wrestlers, Joe Grant and Joe Grant, who is meeting all the time, were in a close fight. Grant was to throw his opponent in three minutes. A good fight was seen as an incentive to both men to do their best work.

CORCORANS TO PLAY

Y. M. C. A. TONIGHT
The Corcoran Cadets and the Young Men's Christian Association teams will play a league game of basketball tonight in the National Guards' gymnasium. The game promises to be close and interesting. Dancing will follow. The line-up:

Corcorans.....Y. M. C. A.
Pearson.....R. F.
Nash.....L. F.
Boyle.....Center
Heffner.....R. B.
Draeger.....L. B.

FAVORS NEW SYSTEM FOR GOLF HANDICAPS

L. H. Graham, of New Jersey,
Author of Scheme.

TRAVIS GIVES HIS APPROVAL

Par Score of Links to be Basis of Handicapping—May be Generally Adopted.

A new system of par handicapping in golf has been devised. It has been drafted by President Lionel H. Graham, of the New Jersey State Golf Association.

In brief, Graham's method is for the clubs to adopt as a basis for their handicapping the par score of their links. Theoretically, this system is correct. In practice, however, it will be found impossible to accurately represent the playing values of the different holes in whole figures. The remedy therefore is to allow half strokes, which is the system recommended.

Par is based entirely upon the playing length of a hole, and it has been recommended that the par for distances be officially rated as follows:

Distance.	Par.
Up to 200 yards.....	3
201 yards to 250 yards.....	3½
251 yards to 300 yards.....	4
301 yards to 350 yards.....	4½
351 yards to 400 yards.....	5
401 yards to 450 yards.....	5½
451 yards to 500 yards.....	6

Suppose the scratch player of a club holds the amateur record for his course of 72 and the par for the course is 75. He would receive a handicap of 4 and all the other players would be rated on the same basis. All that would be necessary for the handicapper to do would be to work out the par score of his course in accordance with the official rating just given, bearing in mind the physical configuration of the various holes, and adjust his handicaps accordingly. It is not intended that the bogie of the various courses shall in any way be changed. The par score is only intended for the handicap committees of the different clubs in order to enable them to rate their players on a standard basis.

Former Amateur Champion Walter J. Travis, who has been made acquainted with the par system, has written a letter to President Graham in which the plan has his hearty endorsement in every particular. The system will be presented for official adoption at the annual meeting of the New Jersey State Golf Association, to be held in New York on January 21. Travis says he would like to see the Metropolitan Golf Association have its handicapping conducted along the same lines.

BURNS AND WATERHOUSE TO RETIRE FROM THE TURF

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 7.—It will be news to many to learn that Burns & Waterhouse will temporarily retire from the racing game. Clarence Waterhouse said yesterday that the stable had been an expensive one to keep up, and that for some time to come the energies of the firm would be centered in the breeding business.

Burns & Waterhouse are owners of an extensive breeding establishment at Hopland, where Eddie Jones, the brown son of the dead Morillo; Altamex and Take Notice are installed as lords of the harem. Their produce should command a high figure in the sales ring. Corrigan, the game little brown horse, together with the pick of the two-year-olds will also be shipped East, to be sold at public sale. The older horses in training will also be disposed of by lease or sale. Mr. Waterhouse said that no doubt later on the firm would make a fresh start with all new material. The retirement of the orange with blue sleeves and green cap will be regretted by all racers. The horses of the stable were always sent to the post ready and fit to win, and piloted by the best riding talent available.

OFFICIALS ASSIGNED FOR BASKETBALL GAMES

Following is the schedule and assignment of officials for the District League basketball games to be played this month:

January 2, C. C. C. vs. Ordway, Gulsta, referee; W. Orme and J. Orme, umpires; January 3, Y. M. C. A. vs. C. C. A. A., Bouvet; Waldecker and Chick; January 5, Ordway vs. Carroll, Plimper; Handboe and Bateman; January 7, C. C. C. vs. Y. M. C. A., Mangan; Burnett and Hildreth; January 10, Y. M. C. A. vs. M. Orms, Forrester; Chick and Gulsta; January 13, C. C. A. A. vs. Ordway, Bateman; Richardson and J. Orme; January 15, Carroll vs. Y. M. C. A., Bouvet; Waldecker and Chick; January 16, Morton vs. C. C. C., Plimper; W. Orme and Burnett; January 17, C. C. A. A. vs. Morton, J. Orme; Bateman and Richardson; January 19, Ordway vs. C. C. A. A., Fekkes; W. Orme and Burnett; January 20, Carroll vs. Morton, Gulsta; Forrester and Chick; January 23, Morton vs. Ordway, Hildreth; Handboe and Burnett; January 24, Y. M. C. A. vs. C. C. C., Chick; Mangan and Gulsta; January 24, C. C. A. A. vs. Carroll, Bateman; W. Orme and J. Orme; January 27, Carroll vs. C. C. C., Plimper; Richardson and Burnett; January 31, Corcoran vs. C. C. A. A., Mangan; Gulsta and Fekkes.

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CORBETT WILLING TO FIGHT JEFFRIES

Ready to Sign at Once for
\$20,000 Purse Offered.

BUFFALO, Jan. 7.—The offer of a purse of \$20,000, made by the Hays Valley Athletic Club, of San Francisco, for a contest between Corbett and Jeffries, was good news to Corbett, who is appearing here this week at Shea's Theatre. He has been waiting anxiously for an offer to fight Jeffries, and he said today that if the Hays Valley Club would forward the articles he would sign right away.

"This is the first offer for a fight between Jeffries and myself, and I am ready to sign," said Corbett. "I presume Jeffries will evade the question by saying that better inducements ought to be forthcoming. Let him come to the front."

Corbett said last night that Jack Herman, manager of the Fort Erie Club, had called on him during the day. The Canadian club, it is understood, will make a big bid for the fight.

"I am all that's left for Jeffries to fight," said Corbett. "I have made a better showing against him than any other man, and am ready to fight him in June. I'll accept all the offers that are made, and will let Jeffries take his pick."

ENTRIES CLOSE FOR THE BIG HANDICAPS

Gold Heels, Advance Guard, and Other
Good Ones Nominated.

Entries for the big handicaps which closed January 5, the Brooklyn, Suburban, and Brighton, came in thick and fast at the offices of the Coney Island and Brooklyn Jockey Clubs and the Brighton Beach Racing Association yesterday.

It will be impossible to get a full list of the entries for several days. All of the aged events will be run larger than last year, but the two-year-olds events show a falling off. The steeplechase schedules have more entries than ever. Gold Heels, the champion of 1932, is entered in the Brighton Handicap, along with Hyphen, Masterman and other good ones, while Advance Guard, the champion long distance thoroughbred of the past year, has been entered in all the long races.

"KID" LAVIGNE TO MEET "BEN" JORDAN

LONDON, Jan. 7.—Kid Lavigne, the ex-lightweight champion of the world, who has been in England for several weeks looking for a match, has at last been successful. He has been secured by Matchmaker Bettinson, of the National Sporting Club, of London, to meet Ben Jordan, the champion featherweight of England, in a fifteen-round bout before that club on Derby night, during the last week in May.

The boxers will battle at 128 pounds, weigh in at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the contest, for a purse of \$1,500 and a side wager of \$1,500. Lavigne is at present traveling with a vaudeville troupe in Paris.

If Lavigne trains faithfully for the contest there is no doubt that plenty of money will be wagered by English sporting men on him to beat Jordan, despite the fact that Jordan is one of the most popular boxers here.

The great battle Lavigne put up against Dick Burge, the English lightweight champion, six years ago, before the National Sporting Club, which he won in seventeen rounds, is still fresh in the minds of the English sporting men, and it is that which will cause them to wager on the American.

TOM JENKINS MAY MEET SHARKEY IN WRESTLING

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—"Tom" Sharkey is feeling strenuous these days, and owing to his inability to get on a match which will be governed by Marquis of Queensbury rules, he wants to take a hand at the wrestling game. Sharkey is quite a wrestler, having wriggled out of holds "Tom" Jenkins got on him for forty-five minutes before being thrown. He also stood Champion McLeod off for fifty-four minutes before being downed. He is now anxious to take on a match with Jenkins, and says he will post \$500 to bind a match in which Jenkins must agree to throw him twice in an hour. Jenkins' manager may give the ex-saltator a chance.

CANNOT FOOL THE SHERIFF OF CHICAGO

The pugilist who is found guilty of faking a bout in Chicago might just as well give up hope of working again in that city. Sheriff Barrett, who has been appointed by Mayor Harrison, of Chicago, to watch all bouts held in that city in the future and decide whether they are fought on the level or not, is fulfilling his duties admirably. Before every contest he goes to the boxers and says: "You must contest on the level, or if you don't I will see that you never compete in this city again." Sheriff Barrett's actions have been responsible for the sport's booming in Chicago. Since he was given power to pass judgment on bouts the contests have been good.

TRAINER MATT BYRNES SAILS FOR AUSTRIA

Matt Byrnes, trainer for the late Pierre Lorillard and the late Marcus Daly, sailed yesterday on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse to take charge of the stable of Eugene von Boross, at Budapest, Hungary. Byrnes has a contract for two years, at \$10,000 a year, with a percentage on winning horses.

Byrnes took with him an American jockey, F. Bowman, and Charles Milburn, an apprentice, also his old stable foreman, Frank Kirwin.

Here Boross and his wife also sailed on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse. Mrs. Boross is a niece of the late Congressman Holman and was formerly the fiancée of Signor Marconi, the wireless telegraph inventor.

GOLF PLAYER MUST PAY CADDY \$6,500

Wealthy Philadelphian Imprisoned in
New York in Default.

PLATTSBURG, N. Y., Jan. 7.—David Fleming, grandson of Mrs. Fleming, one of the wealthiest women of Philadelphia, who on July 21, 1902, while engaged in a game of golf at the Stevens House, at Lake Placid, in the Adirondacks, became angry because of missing a stroke, and threw his golf stick at Elizabethtown, in default of the payment of \$6,500, recently adjudged against him.

Fleming's action in hitting the lad in the face and destroying one of his eyes caused great indignation among the guests, and Fleming had the boy taken to a hospital, where an operation was performed. He gave the lad \$45. Suit was brought against Fleming for \$10,000 damages, and the jury gave the boy a verdict for \$6,500.

Fleming must stay within the jail limits—one-half mile in any direction, for six months unless the money is paid.

JOCKEY PENN CONFESSES TO FRAUDULENT RACES

New Orleans Jockey Club May Reopen
Case on Strength of New Charges.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 7.—Jockey Penn, ruled off here last winter for complicity in the steeplechase frauds, has applied to the stewards for reinstatement, and, as a preliminary step, made the following sworn statement, which, if true, will revive the old steeplechase scandal, as it connects definitely with this affair a number of persons not previously suspected. Following is Penn's statement:

"I, Jockey Penn, on oath, do solemnly swear that the following is the truth: That Jockeys Ellison and Bartley came to my boarding house on Grand Route St. John, about 6:30 p. m. and we went to the Crescent billiard hall, to a private office, and there met parties by the names of Thomas Hatfield and Mr. Wright, and the said parties agreed, if I would ride as they wanted, they would bet for me and protect me. So Jockeys Ellison and Bartley agreed that Bristol was to win, and they would shoo me in Bartley rode Dagmar in the race, and took care of same in the race. After the race Bartley gave me \$100.

"The day Bristol carried 159 pounds we all met at Bartley's house. The following jockeys were there: Penn, Gaddy, Ellison, Brazil and Tanner, and Hatfield and Zimmerman and I told them to play Dagmar. I rode Bristol in the race, and had Jockey Slater bet \$25 for me and Max Frank \$50. I admit that I was playing both ends. Dagmar won and Bartley gave me \$100 after the race. In this race the following parties got money: Gaddy, \$200; Chas. Johnson, \$200 and then he went home, afraid he would be ruled off, and Brazil, Ellison and Bartley had a meeting at his house and cut up the balance.

"In regard to the W. H. Dixon races I did not ride, but was posted by Ellison and Bartley what was going on and how to bet my money. On these two races Hatfield and Zimmerman were the managers and met at Bartley's house and framed up the races. The following jockeys were at this meeting: Ellison, Bartley, Brazil, Gaddy, Penn, C. Johnson and Tanner. Ellison, at the meeting, claimed that he was the sole owner of the horse W. H. Dixon, and after the race they agreed to give Jockey Tanner \$700, but got drunk and gave him \$50.

"Jockey Bartley gave the following: Jockey Johnson, \$200; Gaddy, \$200; Brazil, \$500, and to me the undersigned, a look wise and say nothing, and the same went for the other race that W. H. Dixon won. When I was out East this summer Ellison had the same horse there, although he was not entered in his name. Ellison was the owner and he was trying the same game out there, but he got scared away.

(Signed) "W. PENN."

Of the jockeys named in Penn's affidavit, Bailey, Brazil and Johnson were reinstated and rode in Canada and the West the past season. The statement, if true, seriously affects Hatfield and Wright, mixed up in the recent Hicks case as fixers in the steeplechase cases. When questioned the stewards said they could not state yet whether the old steeplechase scandal would be re-opened or whether anything further would be done as relating to Hatfield and Wright.

COLUMBIA'S NEW RATING OF AWARDS

Columbia's Athletic Council has just made a new rating of the athletic insignia awards. The rearrangement is as follows: First honors, varsity "C"; second honors, two-inch alternate blue and white stripes; third honors, class numerals; fourth honors, one-inch alternate blue and white stripes. All monograms involving the letter "C" is ordered, must be contiguous; that is, the "C" must be in contact with the other letters on emblems. Varsity team monograms carry varsity stripes unless otherwise stated. Class team numerals carry class stripes unless otherwise stated. Insignia are not awarded until won. The exception to this is that managers and assistant managers are awarded insignia as soon after election as they make application to the council. These awards are forfeited in case of failure to hold office throughout the season.

The winners of individual class class-appeal bouts are given numerals. In inter-class games numerals are awarded for five points. Class stripes are awarded for winning three points.

HAS SLEPT 101 DAYS.

CENTRALIA, Ill., Jan. 7.—The one hundred and first day of Dora Meek's sleep passed quietly today, the patient knowing nothing of the event.

December 28 she became suddenly ill. On Sunday she awoke slightly and passed into a trance.

Yesterday she sat up, seeing nothing, hearing nothing.

Dora Meek was to sleep while excited over a quarrel with her sweetheart.

CENTURY'S GIFTS READ LIKE ORIENTAL TALE

Stranger than the dream of an Oriental romancer appears the story of progress achieved by this country in the century which has sped since 1802. The cold figures are instinct with life and big with prophecy.

Foreign commerce of the United States—exports and imports:	Factory wage-earners of the United States:
1800.....\$100,000,000	1850.....957,059
1902.....22,000,000	1902.....6,750,000
Internal commerce of the United States:	Factory wages paid in the United States:
1850.....\$2,000,000,000	1850.....\$236,000,000
1902.....23,000,000,000	1902.....2,750,000,000
or as much in 1902 as the entire foreign commerce of the world.	Factory product in the United States:
Exports of the United States:	1850.....\$1,019,000,000
1800.....\$70,000,000	1902.....14,000,000,000
1902.....1,340,000,000	Individual deposits in national banks in United States:
Imports of the United States:	1870.....\$507,000,000
1800.....\$91,000,000	1902.....3,000,000,000
1902.....950,000,000	Value of farms and farm property in the United States:
a tenfold increase in imports, while our population has increased sixteenfold.	1850.....\$3,867,000,000
Wealth of the United States:	1902.....21,000,000,000
1850.....\$7,135,000,000	Pensions paid by the United States:
1902.....100,000,000	1800.....\$54,121
Steam railways, miles, of the United States:	1902.....128,000,000
1820.....23	Public school teachers' salaries in the United States:
1902.....200,000	1870.....\$38,000,000
Newspapers and periodicals of the United States:	1902.....137,000,000
1810.....359	Commercial failures in the United States:
1902.....22,000	1860.....3,676
Factories of the United States:	1902.....11,000
1850.....122,025	only threefold increase, while population shows a sixteenfold increase, and the total business increase, direct and indirect, is beyond computation. This shows American commercial honesty as well as American commercial prosperity.
1902.....625,000	
Immigration to the United States:	
1820.....8,385	
1902.....500,000	